



# **Tennessee Higher Education Commission**

## **Off-Campus Location Report**

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Off-campus locations play a significant role within Tennessee's higher education system. They meet the needs of many citizens who are unable to take advantage of the services provided at main campus locations and, in turn, serve the needs of the institution by making education available to more students. It is the responsibility of the Tennessee Higher Education Commission, under the purview of the State, to review and approve any new locations. The specific charge in T.C.A. § 49-7-202(c)(8) states that the Commission shall:

*Review and approve or disapprove any proposals by an existing higher education institution to establish a physical presence at any location other than its main campus, or to expand an existing location, which will be utilized for existing administrative purposes or to offer courses for which academic credit is offered. The Commission shall develop policies and procedures governing this process. The provisions of this subdivision shall apply to state technology centers.*

Pursuant to the Commission's responsibilities relative to T.C.A. § 49-7-202(c)(8), the following report provides information on the location of off-campus higher education facilities throughout the state.

In reading this report, it is important to note the difference between an off-campus center and an off-campus site. An off-campus *center* must meet the following criteria:

1. There is a continuing administrative presence, as evidenced by at least one full-time or part-time administrator housed on-site, but with the institution's executive personnel housed on another campus;
2. Courses are offered every academic term and there is at least one academic program fully available on-site; and
3. The physical facility is owned by the institution, another public institution of higher education, or is provided at no cost to the institution.

An off-campus *site* does not have to meet any of the above criteria and is a physical space that is generally used for dual enrollment course offerings, workforce development opportunities, or specific short-term instructional needs.

## Findings

### *Locations*

There were 37 centers and 424 sites enrolling for-credit students in fall 2009 (**Table 1**). Tennessee Board of Regents (TBR) community colleges had the most off-campus locations enrolling students this fall with 246, which represented 53 percent of all off-campus locations. TBR universities had 123 locations and 27 percent of the total locations, TBR Tennessee Technology Centers (TTC) had 37 locations and 8 percent of the total, and the University of Tennessee system (UT) had 55 locations representing 12 percent of all off-campus locations.

**Table 1. Off-Campus Locations Enrolling For-Credit Students in Fall 2009**

System	Number of Sites	Number of Centers	Total Off-Campus Locations	Percent of Off-Campus
TBR Univ.	116	7	123	27%
TBR CC	222	24	246	53%
TBR TTC	37	0	37	8%
UT	49	6	55	12%
<b>Total</b>	<b>424</b>	<b>37</b>	<b>461</b>	<b>100%</b>

### *Headcount Enrollment*

These off-campus locations served 55,754 students, which represented 17 percent of the total duplicated headcount in public higher education for the semester (**Table 2**). In this analysis enrollment is duplicated because a student is counted at every location in which he or she enrolls in a course. Thirty-four percent of the duplicated headcount in community colleges took courses at an off-campus location in fall 2009. The TBR universities, TBR TTCs, and UT universities enrolled a smaller portion of their students at off-campus locations at 11 percent, 8 percent, and 5 percent respectively.

**Table 2. Duplicated Headcount Enrollment in Fall 2009 by Location**

System	Total Headcount	Main Campus HC	Off-Campus Headcount	Off-Campus Percent of Total
TBR Univ.	105,537	94,238	11,299	11%
TBR CC	111,497	74,128	37,369	34%
TBR TTC	56,002	51,396	4,606	8%
UT	53,872	51,392	2,480	5%
<b>Total</b>	<b>326,908</b>	<b>271,154</b>	<b>55,754</b>	<b>17%</b>

### *Full-Time Equivalent (FTE) Enrollment*

The off-campus locations comprised 13 percent of overall for-credit FTE enrollment at 23,501 (**Table 3**). The proportion of total FTE in off-campus locations was less than the off-campus share of total headcount, indicating that off-campus enrollment is more likely to be part-time

than main campus enrollment. This follows from the definition of off-campus locations as offering a minimal number of courses or degree programs. TBR community colleges generated 28 percent of their FTE at an off-campus location in fall 2009. TBR universities enrolled 5 percent of FTE off-campus, 14 percent for TBR TTCs, and 2 percent for UT.

**Table 3. Full-Time Equivalent Enrollment in Fall 2009 by Location**

System	Total FTE	Main Campus FTE	Off-Campus FTE	Off-Campus Percent of Total
TBR Univ.	72,475	68,597	3,878	5%
TBR CC	60,155	43,131	17,025	28%
TBR TTC	11,116	9,568	1,548	14%
UT	42,708	41,658	1,050	2%
<b>Total</b>	<b>186,455</b>	<b>162,954</b>	<b>23,501</b>	<b>13%</b>

### *Notable Institutions*

Every public university and community college, with the exception of medical and specialty schools, used off-campus locations during fall 2009 (**Table 4**). Seventeen of the 26 TTCs enrolled students at off-campus locations during fall 2009. Tennessee Technological University had the most locations at 49 and University of Tennessee Chattanooga the least, at one.

The percent of institutions' total duplicated headcount enrolled at off-campus locations ranged from a low of 0.5 percent at the University of Tennessee Chattanooga to a high of 65.8 percent at Roane State Community College (RSCC). Five institutions, all community colleges, enrolled more than 45 percent of their total duplicated headcount at off-campus locations in fall 2009: RSCC 60.8 percent, Motlow State Community College 60.1 percent, Walters State Community College 46.0 percent, Columbia State Community College 45.8 percent, and Dyersburg State Community College 45.4 percent. For these five colleges, 63 percent of their off-campus headcount was at an off-campus center where a continuing college presence has been established.

### **Summary**

Off-campus locations continue to serve an integral purpose in Tennessee's higher education system. The combination of sites and centers provides educational opportunities for dual enrollment classes, offers courses that cannot pragmatically be delivered on a traditional campus, and broadens the geographic presence of higher education to make it more convenient for students who find it difficult to attend a main campus location.

Off-campus locations serve a larger function in the two-year college sector. In the community college sector, off-campus locations account for 34 percent of total duplicated headcount while only 9 percent of the headcount in the public university sector and 8 percent at the TTCs.

Table 4

Fall 2009 Headcount and FTE Enrollment																				
Institution	Locations		Duplicated Headcount								Full-Time Equivalent									
	Sites	Centers	Total HC	Main Campus HC	Percent of Total	Centers HC	Percent of Total	Sites HC	Percent of Total	Off-Campus Total HC	Percent of Total	Total FTE	Main Campus FTE	Percent of Total	Centers FTE	Percent of Total	Sites FTE	Percent of Total	Off-Campus Total FTE	Percent of Total
APSU	4	1	11,181	9,298	83.2%	1,807	16.2%	76	0.7%	1,883	16.8%	7,470	6,756	90.4%	695	9.3%	19	0.3%	714	9.6%
ETSU	19	2	16,912	15,331	90.7%	1,037	6.1%	544	3.2%	1,581	9.3%	11,451	10,852	94.8%	425	3.7%	174	1.5%	599	5.2%
ECOM	0	0	253	253	100.0%	0	0.0%	0	0.0%	0	0.0%	583	583	100.0%	0	0.0%	0	0.0%	0	0.0%
EPHRM	0	0	436	436	100.0%	0	0.0%	0	0.0%	0	0.0%	372	372	100.0%	0	0.0%	0	0.0%	0	0.0%
MTSU	15	0	27,644	27,195	98.4%	0	0.0%	449	1.6%	449	1.6%	20,757	20,589	99.2%	0	0.0%	167	0.8%	167	0.8%
TSU	4	2	10,977	8,186	74.6%	2,702	24.6%	89	0.8%	2,791	25.4%	6,791	5,648	83.2%	1,104	16.3%	39	0.6%	1,143	16.8%
TTU	49	0	13,033	11,338	87.0%	0	0.0%	1,695	13.0%	1,695	13.0%	8,866	8,316	93.8%	0	0.0%	550	6.2%	550	6.2%
UOM	25	2	25,101	22,201	88.4%	246	1.0%	2,654	10.6%	2,900	11.6%	16,185	15,480	95.6%	101	0.6%	604	3.7%	705	4.4%
TBR Univ.	116	7	105,537	94,238	89.3%	5,792	5.5%	5,507	5.2%	11,299	10.7%	72,475	68,597	94.6%	2,325	3.2%	1,553	2.1%	3,878	5.4%
UTC	3	0	11,686	11,628	99.5%	0	0.0%	58	0.5%	58	0.5%	8,957	8,927	99.7%	0	0.0%	30	0.3%	30	0.3%
UTK	7	2	29,501	29,045	98.5%	258	0.9%	198	0.7%	456	1.5%	23,340	23,121	99.1%	145	0.6%	74	0.3%	219	0.9%
UTMHSC	0	0	3,377	3,377	100.0%	0	0.0%	0	0.0%	0	0.0%	3,279	3,279	100.0%	0	0.0%	0	0.0%	0	0.0%
UTSI	0	0	212	212	100.0%	0	0.0%	0	0.0%	0	0.0%	71	71	100.0%	0	0.0%	0	0.0%	0	0.0%
UTVET	0	0	322	322	100.0%	0	0.0%	0	0.0%	0	0.0%	387	387	100.0%	0	0.0%	0	0.0%	0	0.0%
UTM	39	4	8,774	6,808	77.6%	904	10.3%	1,062	12.1%	1,966	22.4%	6,675	5,874	88.0%	557	8.3%	244	3.7%	801	12.0%
UT Univ.	49	6	53,872	51,392	95.4%	1,162	2.2%	1,318	2.4%	2,480	4.6%	42,708	41,658	97.5%	702	1.6%	348	0.8%	1,050	2.5%
Univ. Total	165	13	159,409	145,630	91.4%	6,954	4.4%	6,825	4.3%	13,779	8.6%	115,183	110,255	95.7%	3,027	2.6%	1,901	1.7%	4,928	4.3%
CHSCC	23	1	10,545	8,543	81.0%	332	3.1%	1,670	15.8%	2,002	19.0%	6,003	5,276	87.9%	94	1.6%	633	10.5%	727	12.1%
CLSCC	13	0	4,396	3,307	75.2%	0	0.0%	1,089	24.8%	1,089	24.8%	2,506	2,138	85.3%	0	0.0%	368	14.7%	368	14.7%
COSCC	8	2	6,845	3,707	54.2%	2,375	34.7%	763	11.1%	3,138	45.8%	3,640	2,150	59.1%	1,201	33.0%	288	7.9%	1,489	40.9%
DSCC	7	2	3,945	2,152	54.6%	1,415	35.9%	378	9.6%	1,793	45.4%	2,235	1,309	58.6%	811	36.3%	115	5.1%	926	41.4%
JSCC	20	3	5,964	4,484	75.2%	911	15.3%	569	9.5%	1,480	24.8%	3,314	2,743	82.8%	435	13.1%	136	4.1%	571	17.2%
MSCC	16	2	6,257	2,499	39.9%	1,336	21.4%	2,422	38.7%	3,758	60.1%	3,355	1,450	43.2%	763	22.7%	1,141	34.0%	1,904	56.8%
NASCC	12	3	9,750	7,484	76.8%	1,266	13.0%	1,000	10.3%	2,266	23.2%	5,166	4,079	79.0%	739	14.3%	348	6.7%	1,087	21.0%
NESCC	17	0	7,432	5,195	69.9%	0	0.0%	2,237	30.1%	2,237	30.1%	4,234	3,296	77.9%	0	0.0%	938	22.1%	938	22.1%
PSCC	22	1	12,194	8,287	68.0%	1,484	12.2%	2,423	19.9%	3,907	32.0%	6,712	4,955	73.8%	712	10.6%	1,045	15.6%	1,757	26.2%
RSCC	22	5	8,229	2,816	34.2%	3,412	41.5%	2,001	24.3%	5,413	65.8%	4,236	1,455	34.3%	1,844	43.5%	937	22.1%	2,781	65.7%
STCC	7	1	17,699	13,905	78.6%	1,917	10.8%	1,877	10.6%	3,794	21.4%	8,466	6,965	82.3%	804	9.5%	697	8.2%	1,501	17.7%
VSCC	40	2	9,827	7,206	73.3%	1,157	11.8%	1,464	14.9%	2,621	26.7%	5,505	4,490	81.6%	490	8.9%	525	9.5%	1,015	18.4%
WSCC	15	2	8,414	4,543	54.0%	2,802	33.3%	1,069	12.7%	3,871	46.0%	4,783	2,823	59.0%	1,554	32.5%	406	8.5%	1,960	41.0%
TBR CC	222	24	111,497	74,128	66.5%	18,407	16.5%	18,962	17.0%	37,369	33.5%	60,155	43,131	71.7%	9,447	15.7%	7,578	12.6%	17,025	28.3%

Note: A Pellissippi location previously shown as a branch campus and included in the main campus total is now identified as a center and indicated appropriately above.

Table 5

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Athens	0	0	897	897	100.0%	0	0%	0	0.0%	0	0.0%	284	284	100.0%	0	0.0%	0	0.0%	0	0.0%
Covington	1	0	2,643	2,627	99.4%	0	0%	16	0.6%	16	0.6%	205	203	98.8%	0	0.0%	3	1.2%	3	1.2%
Crossville	0	0	1,897	1,897	100.0%	0	0%	0	0.0%	0	0.0%	464	464	100.0%	0	0.0%	0	0.0%	0	0.0%
Crump	0	0	1,142	849	74.3%	0	0%	0	0.0%	0	0.0%	273	273	100.0%	0	0.0%	0	0.0%	0	0.0%
Dickson	3	0	1,951	1,142	58.5%	0	0%	765	39.2%	765	39.2%	545	338	62.1%	0	0.0%	207	37.9%	207	37.9%
Elizabethton	4	0	1,334	1,186	88.9%	0	0%	343	25.7%	343	25.7%	525	379	72.2%	0	0.0%	146	27.8%	146	27.8%
Harriman	0	0	1,735	991	57.1%	0	0%	0	0.0%	0	0.0%	302	302	100.0%	0	0.0%	0	0.0%	0	0.0%
Hartsville	0	0	1,794	1,735	96.7%	0	0%	0	0.0%	0	0.0%	400	400	100.0%	0	0.0%	0	0.0%	0	0.0%
Hohenwald	3	0	860	1,794	208.6%	0	0%	170	19.8%	170	19.8%	463	394	85.0%	0	0.0%	69	15.0%	69	15.0%
Jacksboro	0	0	1,854	690	37.2%	0	0%	0	0.0%	0	0.0%	204	204	100.0%	0	0.0%	0	0.0%	0	0.0%
Jackson	3	0	3,492	1,854	53.1%	0	0%	742	21.2%	742	21.2%	632	326	51.6%	0	0.0%	306	48.4%	306	48.4%
Knoxville	0	0	3,097	2,750	88.8%	0	0%	0	0.0%	0	0.0%	730	730	100.0%	0	0.0%	0	0.0%	0	0.0%
Livingston	1	0	824	3,097	375.8%	0	0%	15	1.8%	15	1.8%	474	467	98.6%	0	0.0%	7	1.4%	7	1.4%
McKenzie	1	0	1,835	809	44.1%	0	0%	314	17.1%	314	17.1%	322	233	72.3%	0	0.0%	89	27.7%	89	27.7%
McMinnville	0	0	2,167	1,521	70.2%	0	0%	0	0.0%	0	0.0%	306	306	100.0%	0	0.0%	0	0.0%	0	0.0%
Memphis	1	0	2,352	2,167	92.1%	0	0%	495	21.0%	495	21.0%	813	635	78.1%	0	0.0%	178	21.9%	178	21.9%
Morristown	4	0	13,991	1,857	13.3%	0	0%	448	3.2%	448	3.2%	671	534	79.7%	0	0.0%	136	20.3%	136	20.3%
Murfreesboro	0	0	2,090	13,543	648.0%	0	0%	0	0.0%	0	0.0%	464	464	100.0%	0	0.0%	0	0.0%	0	0.0%
Nashville	1	0	909	2,090	229.9%	0	0%	23	2.5%	23	2.5%	711	703	98.8%	0	0.0%	8	1.2%	8	1.2%
Newbern	1	0	1,228	886	72.1%	0	0%	58	4.7%	58	4.7%	278	253	90.9%	0	0.0%	25	9.1%	25	9.1%
Oneida	3	0	1,011	1,170	115.7%	0	0%	29	2.9%	29	2.9%	297	286	96.3%	0	0.0%	11	3.7%	11	3.7%
Paris	2	0	1,422	982	69.1%	0	0%	106	7.5%	106	7.5%	388	343	88.6%	0	0.0%	44	11.4%	44	11.4%
Pulaski	6	0	1,776	1,316	74.1%	0	0%	673	37.9%	673	37.9%	374	224	59.7%	0	0.0%	151	40.3%	151	40.3%
Ripley	1	0	2,059	1,103	53.6%	0	0%	171	8.3%	171	8.3%	210	141	67.2%	0	0.0%	69	32.8%	69	32.8%
Shelbyville	1	0	711	1,888	265.5%	0	0%	156	21.9%	156	21.9%	579	511	88.3%	0	0.0%	68	11.7%	68	11.7%
Whiteville	1	0	637	555	87.1%	0	0%	82	12.9%	82	12.9%	201	171	84.9%	0	0.0%	30	15.1%	30	15.1%
TTC Total	37	0	56,002	51,396	91.8%	0	0%	4,606	8.2%	4,606	8.2%	11,116	9,568	86.1%	0	0.0%	1,548	13.9%	1,548	13.9%
Grand Total	424	37	326,908	271,154	82.9%	25,361	8%	30,393	9.3%	55,754	17.1%	186,455	162,954	87.4%	12,474	6.7%	11,027	5.9%	23,501	12.6%